

DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL TO BRING FLOOD RELIEF TO AREA BY 1966

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn today issued a progress report on the construction of Dominguez Channel, 18-mile waterway designed to bring major relief to southwest Los Angeles County during heavy rains.

"The channel should be completed from its headwaters near International Airport to its outlet into Los Angeles Harbor by the spring of 1966," Hahn said.

AIRPORT TO VERMONT (CENTINELA VALLEY)
Currently being built and set for completion in October, 1964, is the section between Rosecrans Avenue and 120th Street, paralleling Crenshaw.

It is the last link of a major span of the channel between International Airport and Vermont Avenue (near 176th Street), which winds through portions of

the cities of Torrance, Gardena, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Inglewood and serves the entire Centinela Valley.

VERMONT TO WILMINGTON (CARSON)
From Vermont, plans call for continuing the channel in a south-easterly direction (near the San Diego Freeway route) through the Carson area to Wilmington Avenue (at 223rd Street). Bids have been called for

the stretch between Wilmington Avenue and Avalon Boulevard and a contract should be awarded in August, Hahn said. Completion is scheduled for December, 1965.

Award of construction contract for the remaining reach from Vermont to Avalon is scheduled for June, 1964. Its completion in June, 1966, will complete the entire project.

Several bridges and crossings are being reconstructed prior to the main channel work between Vermont and Avalon. The county road department is working on the Figueroa Street bridge and expects to have it complete this month, while the city crossing and the Harbor of Los Angeles is reconstructing the 182nd Street bridge and aiming for a November, 1963, completion date.

Already reconstructed are the Main Street Bridge Freeway crossing. A contract to improve the 190th Street bridge is set for award in November and the job should be finished in April, 1964.

WILMINGTON TO HARBOR OUTLET
Completed is the "outlet" stretch between the Henry

Ford bridge in San Pedro Harbor and Sepulveda Boulevard. This section of channel roughly parallels Alameda.

Construction is under way between Sepulveda (just east of Alameda) and Wilmington Avenue (at 223rd Street) to connect to the mid-section of the project. It should be complete in October, 1963.

Hahn toured the proposed channel route with H. E. Hedger, then chief engineer of the flood control district, and pressed him to start construction in stages to provide "step" relief.

The channel, which varies in width from 60 to 100 feet and in depth from 10 to 20 feet, runs underground in several areas.



SUPERVISOR BURTON W. CHACE checks final specifications with N. H. Templin, county road commissioner, left, prior to opening of the new \$1 million bridge at Wilmington and 223 St., spanning the final link of the Dominguez flood control channel.



TWO WINNERS—Dr. James Worthington, newly installed president of the California Chiropractic Assn., poses with Evelyn Williams of San Diego who was voted Miss Perfect Posture of California in annual contest to stress relation of correct posture to good health.



VOLUNTEER GREETED—Ramone S. Eaton, left, vice president of American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C., greets Mrs. Maurice Allen, right, Torrance Red Cross volunteer, who was one of four representing the Southern region of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter at the chapter's annual meeting recently in the Ambassador Hotel. Eaton was guest speaker for the event.

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